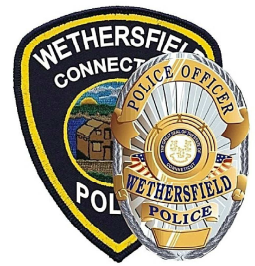


POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of November 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to seventeen (17) new cases. The major case investigations involved; two (2) burglaries, three (3) fraud / Identity thefts, and two (2) robberies. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in "EDP" and "Motor Vehicle Stops" practical training during the month of November.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Wednesday, November 05, 2014 at approximately 3:10 AM officers were dispatched to a gas station on the Berlin Turnpike for a report of a robbery. WPD Dispatch advised three males carrying stun guns stole the cash register and fled east on Pawtucket Ave. Arriving officers were met by the gas station night clerk. There was also a witness on scene. The clerk and the witness were the only people at the business at the time of the robbery. The both stated that three men were dressed in all black and at least two were armed with stun guns. The stun guns were displayed and activated, however not used on either person. The males exited the business and fled on foot towards Pawtucket Ave. One male was wearing a Halloween style mask. Neither the clerk nor the witness reported any injuries as a result of the robbery. The West Hartford Police Department sent a K-9 to the scene to assist with a track. The track began east on Pawtucket Ave., then went south on Goff Rd. The track ended in the woods between Goff Road and Progress Drive. No evidence of the crime was found during the track. While at the robbery scene, Dispatch notified all units a robbery had just occurred in Meriden with similar circumstances and weapons. The Detective Division

continues to investigate this incident and a suspect has been identified and arrested. More investigation is needed to further identify additional suspects.

On Friday November 28, 2014 at 1:31 PM several officers were dispatched to the parking lot of Eblen's, 1430 Berlin Turnpike, on the report of an assault. While officers were responding, a witness called in to report the incident was a robbery. The suspect was seen jumping into a gold, older model Nissan Maxima or Altima and was last seen heading south on the Berlin Turnpike towards Nott Street. The first officer arrived and made contact with the victim. The victim was suffering from evident non-life threatening injuries. The victim reported that a black male, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with the hood pulled tightly around his face, had assaulted her and stole money from her person. The victim said that she worked at Eblen's. The Detective Division continues to investigate this robbery.

Support Services Bureau

Twelve persons were taken into custody and held requiring 255 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, nine were arrested on warrants. Eight males and four females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 27 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 107 phone calls and 42 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-five were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seventeen were handled by police officers. Eight animals were impounded with two being redeemed and three sold as pets. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for nine calls in Wethersfield. There continue to be several bear sightings around town with no issues.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 951 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 43 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 103 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 226 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 43 alarms in month of November. Non-residential locations made up 16 (37%) of this total, residential alarms made up 25 (58%), and State and Town government made up 1 (2%). The alarms received were: 38 burglar, 4 holdup / panic, and 1 fire. There currently are 1,619 alarm registrations on file, 40 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Sixteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,700 in alarm billing has

occurred. There have been 152 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 130 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

During the month of November 2014, Wethersfield Patrol Officers and Detectives were assigned to investigate and follow up leads on numerous cases of suspects entering unlocked vehicles and taking items from inside these vehicles. The thefts included laptop computers, cell phones, money, GPS units, glasses, and other various items. All the vehicles were unlocked. The thefts occurred throughout town, with no distinctive pattern. Patrol officers spotted two suspects one night but were unable to locate them after a brief foot chase. Several backpacks have been recovered and many items have been returned to the rightful owners. The investigation continues.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 46 incidents, involving approximately 68 juveniles during the month of November. In these incidents 4 Juveniles were arrested, 2 Juveniles were issued infractions, 2 Juvenile were diverted for school discipline, and 2 Juvenile were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of November the SRO covered a total of nineteen (19) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Two (2) incident reports completed which involved an arrest. The incident included: Breach of Peace 2nd Degree (for a student alarming a class with a toy grenade) and Larceny 6th Degree (for a student who stole a cellular phone from another student.)

The SRO assisted with numerous issues throughout the month of November. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board, attended the Attendance Meeting, a STARS/SRBI meeting for at risk youths at WHS.

The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting and a 32 hour training course on School Threat Violence Assessment training at Bloomfield Police Department.

The WHS SRO spoke to the Academic Literacy class regarding distracted driving laws and the career path of an officer.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of November the SRO covered a total of 29 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

Four (4) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: weapon in the school, past tense assault (off school grounds but involving students), suspicious found property (bottle containing marijuana and pills located beside the soccer field of the school), and past tense threatening (occurred off school grounds but involved students).

The SRO assisted with numerous issues throughout the month of November. The SRO was asked to assist with peer mediation between students on eight occasions.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meeting with Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO attended a Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Intervention meeting for at risk youths at SDMS.

The SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance and at risk youths. The SRO also participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A traffic study on Church Street in the area of #58 was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of ten (10) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 70.5 survey hours, 5,689 cars were recorded, averaging 80.7 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 30.5 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 30.7 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 36 MPH and a top speed of 57 MPH.

After recently being repaved, the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on Hang Dog Lane in the area of #329 (eastbound traffic only) over the course of three (3) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 25 MPH. During the 78 survey hours, 2,614 cars were recorded, averaging 33.5 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 25.96 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 30 MPH and a top speed of 54 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during November, 2014:
For the annual Jamie's Run 5K on November 2, 2014 cones, barricades, one-way signs and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets around Garden Street and the Broad Street Green in Old Wethersfield.

Training Division

On Monday, November 3, 2014, Officers Robert Arduini and Eric Knapp began attending a three day training class entitled "**Violence Prevention Certificate**". This training was held at the Bloomfield Police Department, Bloomfield, CT. This course provided ways to make our schools safer.

On Tuesday, November 4, 2014, Officers David Gove, Albert Whaples, Alison Sullivan, John Blair and Joel Diloreto attended a one day training course entitled **"CT DOT PR1 Training."** The training was held at the Enfield Police Department, Enfield, CT. The training showed officers how to complete the new accident reporting system, expected to be in use by January 2015. On Friday, November 7, 2014, Sgt. Oscar Rivera, and Officers Michael Wren, Barry Veilleux and Peter Salvatore attended the same training.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Officers Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeff Poulin and Shane Murphy began attending monthly two-day training.

On Thursday, November 7, 2014, Detective Michael Patkoske began attending a two day training seminar entitled **"Arson Investigators' Seminar"**. This training was held at the Hartford Marriott Rocky Hill, Rocky Hill, CT. Topics included arson investigation, gas explosions and scientific methods.

During the week of November 10, 2014 the WPD Training Unit conducted **Fall 2014 Low Light Firearms Training**. Thirty seven (37) officers participated in this training, which was held at the Berlin Police Range in Berlin, CT. Firearms training consisted transitioning to a new holster and a weapon mounted light and a night/low light qualification course. The use of a flashlight was required for portions of the courses. Officers were then required to complete a 60 round qualification course in low light conditions, which all officers successfully passed. Prior to this training, officers received instruction on the Department Deadly Force and were given a written examination on the Department's Use of Deadly Force policy. Select officers also qualified with the Colt AR-15 patrol rifle and were required to complete a written examination on the same.

On Thursday, November 13, 2014, Dispatcher Welles Hale attended a one day recertification class entitled **"911 Liability"**. Training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. Liability in 911 has become a reality in today's dispatch center. This course talks about the potential for accidents and errors in emergency communications.

On Monday, November 17, 2014, Officer Kevin Lawless attended a training course entitled **"Ebola Training"**. This training was held at the CT Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This course provided proper techniques when using personal protective equipment.

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014, Sergeant Jennie Rivera, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers Robert Arduini, Eric Knapp, Peter McGee, Bridget Camara, Joel Diloreto and Jessica Ficara, attended a one day training class entitled **"Annual CIT Training Symposium"**. This training was held at Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT. Course topics include reviewing updates beneficial to crisis intervention officers.

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014, Officer Alison Sullivan attended a one day training class entitled **"Legal Training on Housing Matters"**. This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Topics included lockouts and self-help evictions, unlawful

entry, no-heat and termination of essential services and criminal damage to a landlord's property.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wethersfield Detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

The Cadets will participate in the Holiday on Main Street activities on December 4, 2014. The Cadets will have their annual Holiday Party during the month of December.

The Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main event will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	November 2013	November 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	100	61	912	757
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	2	31	30
Commercial Burglaries	10	0	13	23
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	1	4
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	4	11	31	77
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	210	158	1884	1935
DUI	13	5	118	83
MV Crashes	51	56	700	541
Parking Tags	22	11	357	840
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	774	951	9235	8986
Alarm Responses	63	43	697	617
Records Requests	250	180	2393	2209
Prisoners Transported	8	12	166	178
Child Car Seat Installations	12	0	90	32